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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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David P. WIECZOREK, *et al.*)
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Application No.: 09/482,060)
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Filed: January 13, 2000)
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For: FUEL INJECTOR TEMPERATURE)
STABILIZING ARRANGEMENT AND)
METHOD)

Group Art Unit: 3752

Examiner: Kim, C.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY

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Further to the Amendment filed on August 9, 2001, Applicants submit the following remarks in conjunction with the attached Request for Continued Examination:

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action mailed August 21, 2001 (Paper No. 7), the Examiner inquired as to whether Applicants are claiming the injector or the combination of injector and engine cylinder. Applicant respectfully submit that each of the independent claims uses the transitional phrase "the fuel injector comprising" to indicate that it is the fuel injector that is being claimed. Moreover, each of claims 1 and 3 recites a function of a passage (of the fuel injector) where the passage maintains an operative relationship "when the body is exposed to operating temperatures of a cylinder of an engine." Since the cylinder and the engine are recited part of the function of the passage of the body in operative relationship with other parts of the fuel injector, it is clear that the cylinder and engine are not being claimed in combination with the fuel injector.